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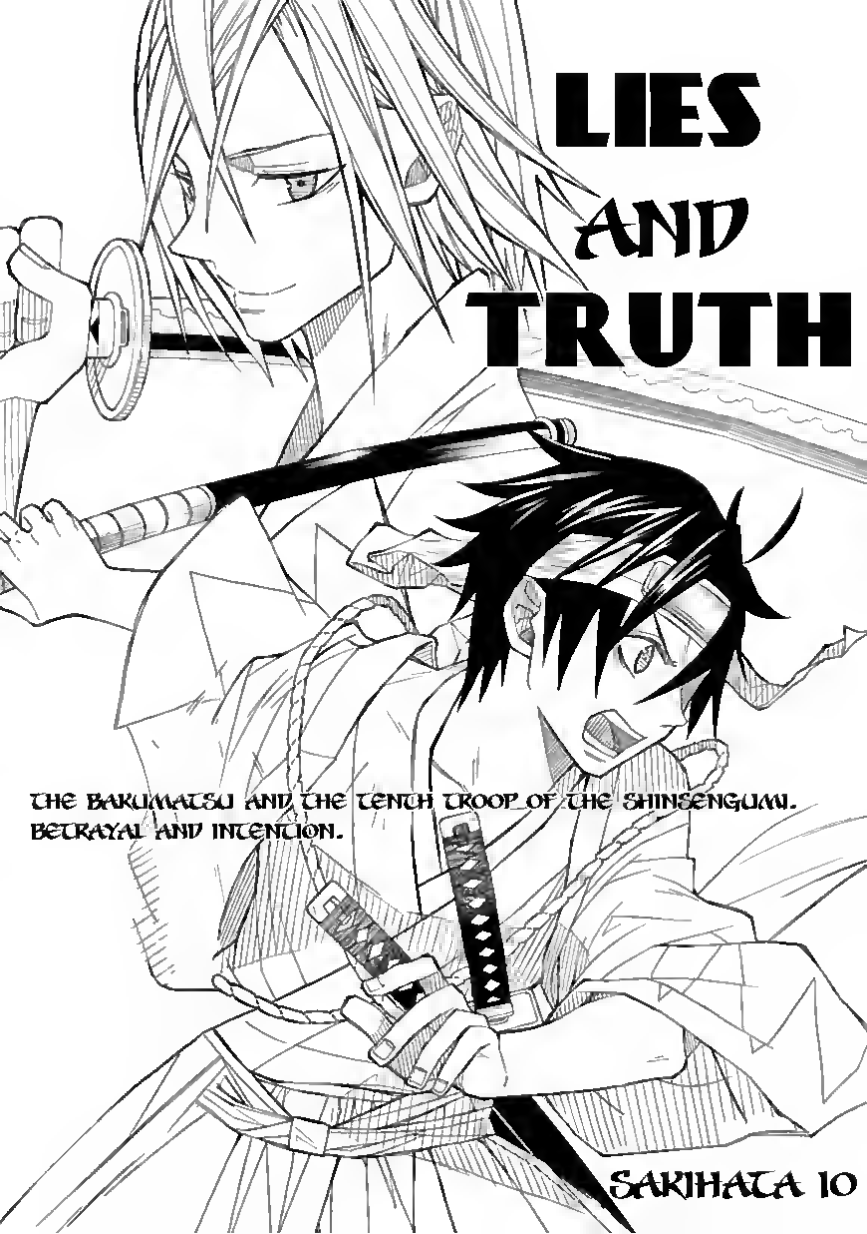

LIES
AND
TRUTH
THE BAKUMATSU AND THE TENTH TROOP OF THE SHINSENGUMI.
BETRAYAL AND INTENTION.
SAKIHATA 10

BAM
ARE YOU AN IDIOT, KID?
YOU PICKED THE WRONG PERSON TO STEAL FROM
CLANK
HUH?
YOU'RE A MESS, BUT
YOU'LL MAKE A LOT OF
YOU'VE GOT A NICE FACE, DON'T YOU?
Even though you're beaten up
SMACK
OWW!
!!
YOU ...

THUMP
THUD

thunk
KOJURO.

BE
STRONG.
FOCUS
COMPLETELY
ON THAT
AIM.

CLANK
!!
THUD
UGH
!!
OUT OF THE WAY! OUT OF THE WAY!
CLANG
kyaaa
UGHH
DASH
!!

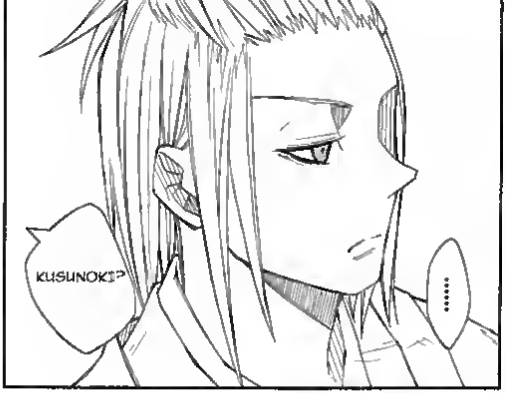
DASH
IT'S THE SHINSEN-GUMI!
WAAAH
UGH
SLASH
I'M SORRY
THUD
.....

THUD
PHEW...
DASH
KUSUNOKI! WE'LL DO SOME TRAINING WHEN WE GET BACK!
.....
YOU'RE STILL NOT DONE YET, CAPTAIN HARADA?
AH!
THIS FEELS GREAT!

IT DOES NOT!
BUT IT MAKES YOU WANT TO YELL WAR CRIES!
BA HA HA
STOP YELLING THOSE WAR CRIES AFTER YOU KILL SOMEONE!
You've been told so many times!
SANO! I HEARD THIS FROM THE SOLDIERS OF THE TENTH TROOP!
HE GOT PUNCHED
Right!
LET'S HAVE A BATTLE, KUSUNOKI!
AH, HEY! I'M NOT DONE TALKING TO YOU YET, SANO!
WHAT? ARE YOU AFRAID OF KONDO-SAN?
Haha
KUSUNOKI!
Ah,
I'M SURE THAT YOU'RE

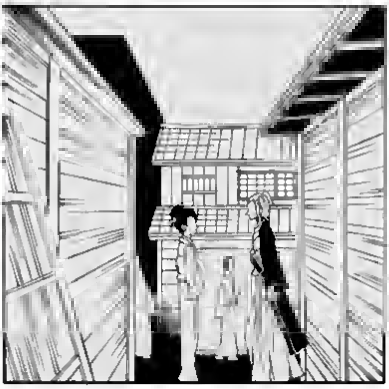
MEOW
LISTEN, KITTY
BECAUSE I LOST DURING PRACTICE, I HAVE TO CLEAN THE TOILETS,
GIVE THE CAPTAIN A SHOULDER MASSAGE,
AND THEN..
SPECIAL TRAINING!
WHACK
WHACK
FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL HAVE SPECIAL TRAINING EVERY DAY!
AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL DIE RIGHT AWAY
DON'T BE LIKE THAT!
EH~ I DON'T WANT IT~

LOOK, HIJIKATA-SAN THOSE TWO ARE TRAINING AGAIN
SLIP
KUSUNOKI!
AHAH
Hehe.
KUSUNOKI-KUN REALLY IS AN INTERESTING GUY


KUSUNOKI?
……

ALRIGHT– LET'S HAVE ANOTHER ROUND!

EH?! ARE YOU SERIOUS, NAGAKURA-SAN?
HE CAN COMPOSE POEMS TOO
HE MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT HE'S A PRETTY PLAYFUL PERSON
EH? WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT AGAIN?
CAPTAIN HARADA– I HATE THE VICE CAPTAIN–



HEY!
STEP
STEP
WHAT IS IT?
YOU BASTARD!
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY JUST BECAUSE THE CAPTAIN LIKES YOU.
And you're even popular with women.
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M A MEMBER OF THE TENTH TROOP OF THE SHINSENGUMI, JUST LIKE YOU!
HE'S MAKING FUN OF US...
YOU GUYS...
SIGH

GRAB
YOU SHOULDN'T BULLY.
WAAH! OKITA-SAN!
SOME SOLDIERS I DON'T EVEN KNOW- THEY..!
GRIN
ANNOYED
YOU'RE OFF DUTY TODAY, AREN'T YOU, KUSUNOKI-KUN?
NO WONDER IT'S SO QUIET AT HEADQUARTERS.
WAAH, OKITA-SAN!
HE REALLY ANNOYS ME!
DAMN IT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AH...
OKITA-SAN!
UHH

AH, WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S FOR KITTY
THAT WOMAN EARLIER WAS PRETTY
IS SHE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
Haha.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
Hey you saw that?
HARADA-SAN GIVES HIS LEFTOVERS TO THE CAT.
WOW, IT LOOKS GOOD.
HIJIKATA-SAN WAS THE ONE WHO FOUND THAT CAT.
OH, IS THAT SO?
I thought it was a stray
OH..
YOU WOULDN'T EXPECT THAT, RIGHT?
HEH

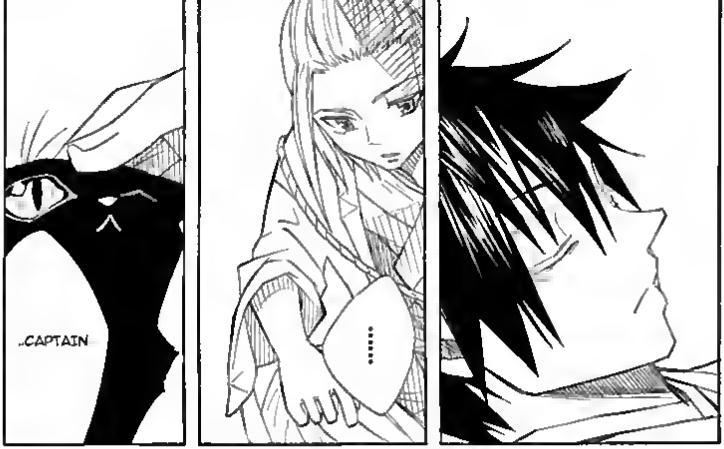
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE HOLDING BACK.
WHACK
YOU WERE STRONGER IN THE PRACTICE FIGHT.
ARE YOU HESITANT ABOUT KILLING?
YOU'RE NOT GIVING IT YOUR ALL.
I GUESS.
KIND OF SCARY, HARADA-SAN
I THINK YOU'RE
.....

WHY?

ENEMIES ARE MEANT TO BE KILLED.

I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT YOU GET EXCITED,
BUT DON'T YOU FEEL GUILTY?

THUD
I'M GOING TO SLEEP!
AH... I'M TIRED!
.....
MEOW
WELL... I SUPPOSE SO.


..CAPTAIN
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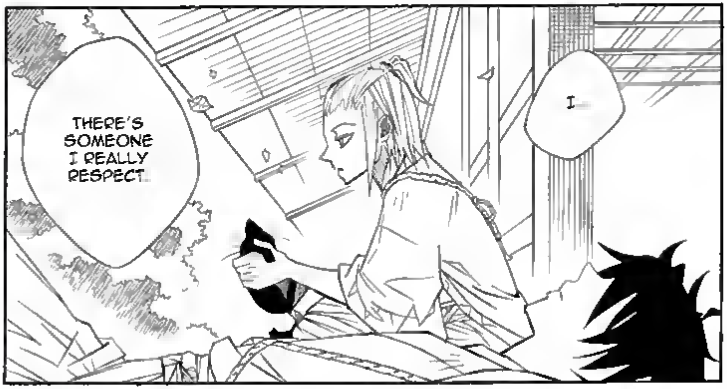
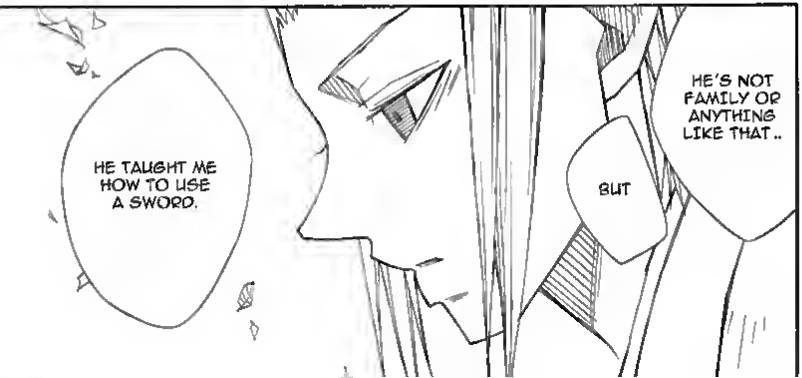
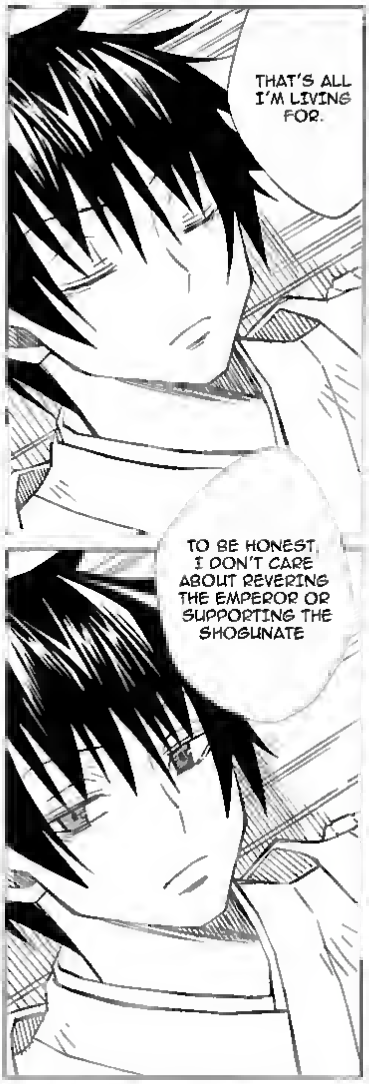

THERE'S SOMEONE I REALLY RESPECT..
I...


HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO USE A SWORD.
HE'S NOT FAMILY OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT..
BUT



HE GAVE ME

A PLACE TO BE AND A REASON TO LIVE.

I WANT TO

USE MY SWORD TO HELP HIM

...HMM?
AH,
SHINPACHI!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
YOU BE THE WITNESS, THE WITNESS!
We're going to have a duel

...HARADA-SAN.
HAVE YOU GOT A MOMENT?
OKITA? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

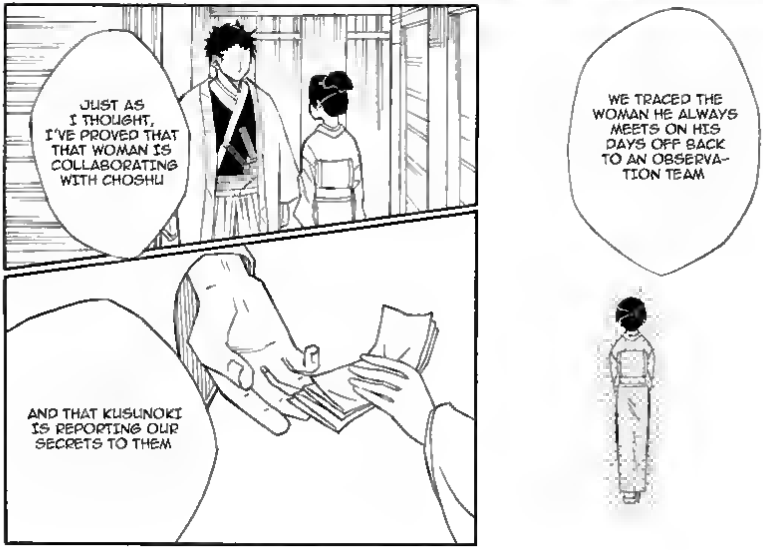
I WONDER WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH NAGAKURA-SAN.
SHIN-PACHI?
.....

KUSUNOKI!
YOU'RE GETTING SPECIAL TRAINING LATER!
WAIT IN THE USUAL PLACE.

ALRIGHT,
CAPTAIN.

KOJURO KUSUNOKI.

THAT'S RIGHT.
KUSUNOKI... HE'S A SPY?!
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, HIJIKATA-SAN?!
THAT'S ALL.
...HUH?!
WAIT... A MINUTE.
TOMORROW, ON THE 26TH,
WE'LL EXECUTE ALL THREE OF THEM.


JUST AS I THOUGHT, I'VE PROVED THAT THAT WOMAN IS COLLABORATING WITH CHOSHU
AND THAT KUSUNOKI IS REPORTING OUR SECRETS TO THEM
WE TRACED THE WOMAN HE ALWAYS MEETS ON HIS DAYS OFF BACK TO AN OBSERVATION TEAM

KUSUNOKI-KUN PUT ON AN INTERESTING PERFORMANCE.
I'M NOT SURE IF HE DELIBERATELY TRIED NOT TO IMPROVE HIS SWORD SKILLS
IN ORDER TO MAKE US LET OUR GUARD DOWN...
BUT IT BACK-FIRED.
SANO...
HIJIKATA-SAN.

...NO.
SQUEEZE

STEP
IT'S FINE. I'LL DO IT.
HARADA-SAN?

HARADA-SAN...

I'LL DO IT.
IT WOULD BE...UNFAIR FOR YOU, HARADA-SAN.

DAMN IT!
!
HARADA-SAN!
KUSU-NOKI!
RIGHT NOW, YOU SHOULD..
YOU'RE LATE, CAPTAIN~
KUSU-NOKI!
RIGHT, KUSU NOKI?!
THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF MISTAKE!

!?
PLEASE DON'T BE TOO HARD ON ME.

WAIT.
!
DASH
LET HARADA DO IT.
CLANK
I'LL GO FIRST THEN!
YOU'RE NOT COMING?
WAIT...

DASH
Hah
HE LIKED ME JUST BECAUSE I WAS BORN IN CHOSHU.
Haha
!!
KATSURA-SAN ORDERED ME TO COME TO THE SHINSEN-GUMI
NO WAY...
THE "PERSON YOU RESPECT" IS...
CLANG
CLANG
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A PROPER FIGHT WITH YOU.
ONE WHERE THE WINNER "SURVIVES".

KOGORO KATSURA.
...WHAT?!
MY MISSION IS TO "ASSASSINATE THE CHIEF OF THE SHINSENGUMI, ISAO KONDO".
YOU BASTARD!
I'LL KILL YOU FIRST, SANOSUKE HARADA!
CLANK
BUT BEFORE I KILL KONDO,
十一
CLINK

CLINK
CLANG
COULDN'T YOU BECOME AN ACTOR?!
...MAYBE I COULD.
!?
CLANK
CLANK

HE...

WHOOSH

JUST AS I EXPECTED,
HE'S QUITE TALENTED.
..THIS ISN'T GOOD.
CLINK
CLINK
HEH
HA HA
HA HA HA

THUMP
WHAT'S THE MATTER, CAPTAIN~?
YOU LIKE KILLING PEOPLE, DON'T YOU?
TCH
KILL ME!
KILL LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.

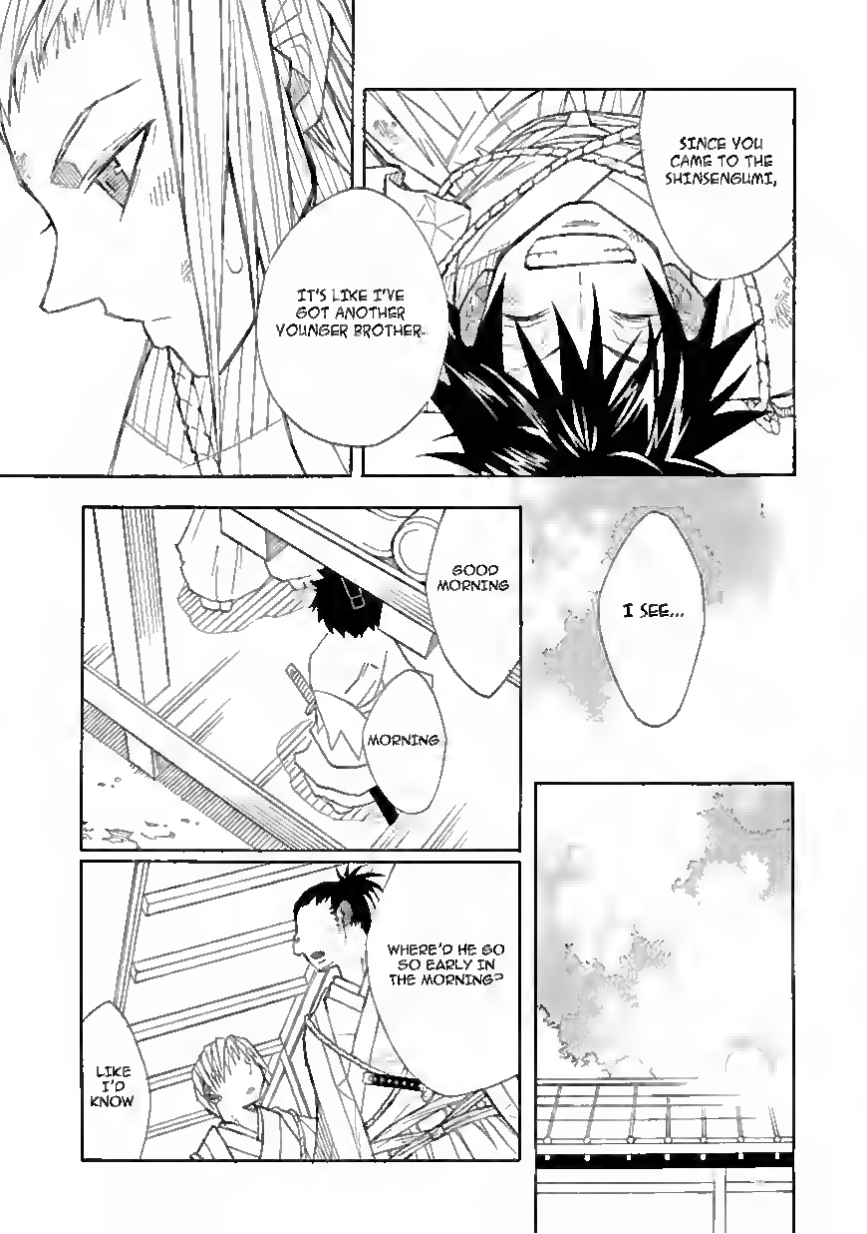
SANO!
THUD
KUSUNOKI...!
CLANK
CLANK
!

SEEP
...CAPTAIN~
SLASH
DRAG
UGH

WHY DID YOU MISS MY VITALS?
I DON'T KNOW
GAH
CLANK

RAISE

SLASH
KUSUNOKI.
I'VE GOT A YOUNGER BROTHER.
THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES...


IT'S LIKE I'VE GOT ANOTHER YOUNGER BROTHER.
SINCE YOU CAME TO THE SHINSENGUMI,
GOOD MORNING
MORNING
I SEE...
WHERE'D HE GO SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?
LIKE I'D KNOW

YOU KNOW WHERE KUSUNOKI IS?
HARADA-SAN
AH.
...I DON'T.
I GUESS THEY HAD A FIGHT
AHA HA
?
I DON'T KNOW THAT GUY
PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO SAKIHATA IO-SENSEI'S NEXT WORK
END